Are you ready to make a change?

The quiz



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Here's a way to see where you are in the change process

- Think about a problem you are having
- Write down the number of any of the statements that seem to describe what you are thinking or feeling about this problem
- Determine what stage of change you are in by seeing what stage your answers fall under





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Ready? Here's the quiz.

- 1. I don't have any problems that need changing.
- 2. I think I could use some selfimprovement
- ◆ 3. I am doing something about the problems that had been bothering me



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Are any of these true for you?

- 4. It might be worth working on my problem.
- ◆ 5. I'm not the problem one. I don't know why they think I should be here.
- 6. I'm afraid I'll backslide on a problem I've already changed, so I came here for some help.



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- ◆ 7. I am finally beginning to work on my problem.
- 8. I've been considering changing something about myself.
- 9. I have been able to work on my problem myself, but I'm not sure I can keep it up on my own.



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- 10. At times my problem is tough, but I'm working on it.
- ◆ 11. Coming to counseling is a big waste of time for me. This problem has nothing to do with me.
- 12. I'm hoping these people will help me to understand myself better.



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- ◆ 13. I suppose I have faults, but there's nothing that I think I really need to change.
- ♦ 14. I am working hard to change.
- ◆ 15. I have a problem and I really think I should work on it.





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- ◆ 16. I haven't stuck with the changes I made as well as I thought I would. I'm here to make sure I don't have to go back to square one again.
- ◆ 17. Even though I don't always get it to work perfectly, I am at least working on my problem.



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- ◆ 18. I thought once I had fixed the problem I would never have to deal with it again, but sometimes I still find myself face to face with it.
- ◆ 19. I wish I had more ideas on how to solve my problem.
- ◆ 20. I have started working on my problem but I would like some help.



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- 21. Maybe these people will be able to help me.
- ◆ 22. I may need some support right now to help me maintain the changes I've already made.
- 23. I may have some part in the problem, but I don't really think so.



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- 24. I hope that someone here will have some good advice for me.
- 25. I'm not just talking about change,
 I'm actually doing something about it.
- ◆ 26. All this talk about counseling is a waste of time. Why can't people just get over their problems?



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Almost done...

- ◆ 27. I'm here to keep myself from finding myself back at the same place with my problem.
- ◆ 28. It is frustrating, because even though I thought I fixed it, I think my problem is cropping up again.
- 29. Sure I worry, but so does everyone. Why spend time thinking about it?



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Last ones...

- ◆ 30. I am taking steps to take care of my problem.
- ♦ 31. I'd rather just try to cope with my faults, not try to change them.
- 32. Even after all the progress I've made, every now and again the problem comes back to haunt me.





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Ready for the answers?

Pre-contemplation: 1,5,11,13,26,29,31

♦ Contemplation: 2,4,8,15

Preparation: 12,19,21,24

Action: 3,7,10,14,17,20,25,30

Maintenance: 6,9,16,18,22,27,28,32

♦ Termination



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What stage did you seem to be in?

- Think about where you are with any of the problems you may have in your life
- Allow yourself time to move through these stages, but keep moving





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